

Angeloan to head Pan Am golf

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One of Ernest Perez's main objectives as the Pan American Golf Association national president is to bring recognition to the city of San Angelo.

Perez, a 24-year member of PAGA, earned 89 percent of the presidential votes at the national convention last month in Austin.

Although he admits he's a "lousy golfer," Perez has ambitious aspirations for his administrative duties during his two-year term as PAGA president.



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His duties will include overseeing 40 chapters nationwide and coordinating national conventions.

PAGA is represented by 3,300 golfers across the country, and each chapter has yearly fund-raisers and provides community services.

The San Angelo chapter, which has 96 members, provides a scholarship for Angelo State University through the help of sponsors. Local community services provided by PAGA include fund-raisers for the Cancer Society, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and other foundations.

At the national level, three required meetings are scheduled each year, and elections are held at the national convention.

One of the purposes of the national convention

is to discuss the plans for the following two years, including where the meetings and convention will be held.

"We are diligently working at the national level," said Perez, who is the vice-president of sales for Terrill Manufacturing. "For San Angelo and myself it's a great honor (for him to serve as PAGA president) because San Angelo is so small.

"Everybody knows where Houston, Dallas and L.A. are, but (PGA members) will ask me where San Angelo is. It's a great honor to get San Angelo recognized. I'm really proud to be part of it. It's just that I enjoy working with people."

Perez was the PAGA vice president the past two years and has served on the election committee.